

8th December 2022

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Re: PQ/59124/22

To ask the Minister for Health the total estimated monthly budget and annual expenditure on paediatric aids and appliances by the resource allocation groups in CHO3 per RAG group for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Lowry

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Aids & Appliances budget for children under 18 years is €798,000 per annum which accounts for service users up to their 19th birthday. We have no specific allocated budget for “paediatric” services users.

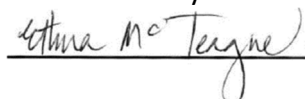
The Aids & Appliances Department reviewed monthly reports for each of the years requested for service users under 16 years of age who have received a non-stock (bespoke) aids & appliance. The amount spent on provision of these items to service users aged 16 and under were:

Year	Expenditure
2020	€876,592
2021	€1,506,718
2022, year to date	€1,039,486

I am pleased to report that as of the first week of December 2022 in the Mid-West there are only 14 service users on the under 18 waiting list, awaiting validation through the governance structure of the next Resource Allocation Group (RAG) meeting on the 15th of December and these Aids & Appliances will be ordered within three days of the meeting.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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